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1. HAD BELIEVED APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICATION WAS IMPLICIT IN EXTENSIVE DATE NICOSIA A-170 PROVIDES FOR SECOND MOST IMPORTANT NON-COMMUNIST LABOR LEADER ON ISLAND. YIASSOUMIS' PARTICIPATION IN 12-WEEK AID TRAINING PROGRAM WHEN HE WAS 26-YEAR-OLD PROMISING UNIONIST CLEARLY SERVED FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT PURPOSES FROM THOSE INTENDED AS RESULT 4-WEEK LEADER VISIT 12 YEARS LATER, TO WIT: TRIP WILL PROVIDE UPDATE FIRST-HAND FAMILIARITY U.S. LABOR SCENE FOR NOW ESTABLISHED TOP-LEVEL TRADE UNION LEADER.

2. REFTEL ADVICE OF ALLOCATED 12,134 AND INDICATION THIS SUFFICIENT FOR ONLY 4 FY-74 GRANTS DEEPLY DISTURBING AND RAISES MANY QUESTIONS. WE ARE LONG PAST POINT AT WHICH CURRENT IV PROGRAM CAN BE LIMITED TO THIS LEVEL

3. POST WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EXPLANATION 33 PERCENT IVP CURTAILMENT. WE HAD BEEN LED BELIEVE PROGRAM WOULD OPERATE AT LEAST AT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL, I.E., IVP AND ONE-COUNTRY STAG ALLOCATION COMBINED. DEPARTMENT SURELY DOES AGREE OUR OVERALL PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATEGY IS WELL-CONCEIVED, CAREFULLY-TARGETED AND

HARD-TICKET. WE ARE FRANKLY UNABLE UNDERSTAND WHY THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE DRASTICALLY SLASHED.

4. ON BASIS 1) STATE 72425 OF APRIL 18, 1973 INDICATING PRELIMINARY CYPRUS IVP ALLOCATION OF \$18,021, 2) STATE 192754 OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1973 CONCURRENCE (SUBJECT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS') OUR NOMINATIONS ALL TOP-DRAWER AND FULLY CONSONANT COUNTRY PLAN PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES AND 3) SEPTEMBER 19, 1973 BURGOON/GRIMLAND OFFICIAL-INFORMAL EXPLICITLY STRENGTHENING OUR EXPECTATION TO BE ABLE OPERATE AT \$18,000 LEVEL, POST HAS DONE EXTENSIVE PLANNING WITH SIX OF ORIGINAL PRIMARY NOMINEES IN ADDITION CHRISTODOULOU WHO HAS ALREADY TRAVELED. AZINAS UNABLE ACCEPT AND DROPPED FROM CURRENT PLANNING. STRONGLY-IMPLIED POST COMMITMENTS ARE TO KOUROS, SOULIOTIS, ARISTIDOU, KUNUK, KATSAMBAS AND YIASSOUMIS IN THAT ORDER. IN PLACE AZINAS AND ROUNDING OUT NINE-GRANT SLATE, POST HAS ALL ALONG EXPECTED ALSO INVITE ZIHNI (KONUK ALTERNATE) AND HADJIHERACLEOUS.

5. STILL OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED BY REFTTEL INDICATION COST PER TRAVELER HAS RISEN TO \$3,000 FROM ESTIMATED PER GRANT COST OF \$2,100 GIVEN IN LETTER CITED PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. DIFFERENCE SEEMS EXCESSIVE EVEN AFTER ALLOWING FOR MARGINALLY INCREASED AIR TRAVEL COSTS AND VIP PER DIEM RATES FOR SEVERAL OF OUR GRANTEES.

6. CUFF ACCOUNT CALCULATIONS HERE LEAD US BELIVE WE CAN FUND TOTAL 7 FULL GRANTEES, INCLUDING ALREADY-TRAVELLED CHRISTODOULOU, FOR APPROXIMATELY \$16,050. TO CUT OFF PROGRAM AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WOULD PRECLUDE ZIHNI AWARED WHICH NECESSARY IF POLITICALLY JUDICIOUS INTERCOMMUNAL BALANCE WILL BE STRUCK IN TOTAL PROGRAM DESIGN.

7. OUR COST ESTIMATES MAY BE SLIGHTLY HIGH SINCE FEW CYPRIOT GRANTEES TRAVEL FOR MORE THAN 3-4 WEEKS AND \$18,000 ALLOCATION MIGHT ALSO ALLOW US TO WRING OUT PARTIAL TO ONE OF SEVERAL PROMINENT FIGURES WHO WILL VISIT U.S. FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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8. IMPERATIVE DEPARTMENT RETURN TO EARLIER PLANNING FIGURES IN MAKING FINAL CYPRUS IVP ALLOCATION.
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